Winning Essay on Late Va. U. D. C. Leader

(Note: The following essay was a U. D. C. prize winning essay, by our friend, Mrs. Cabell Smith, of Rocky Mount, Va., on the life and services to the U. D. C., of the late Miss Annie Mann, of Petersburg.)

Miss Annie V. Mann, Her Devotion And Loyalty And Contributions To The Virginia Division, And General United Daughters of The Confederacy.

Perhaps in the complete annals of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, there has never been a more interesting and unique figure than that of Annie V. Mann, of Petersburg, Virginia.

She was born January 4th, 1871, while the angry scar of the War between the States was still bleeding in the hearts of her parents. Her father, Richard Henry Mann, had served valiantly throughout the four years of conflict. Her mother, Adelia Ann Jones, had been driven from her home, "Double Chimneys," when Yankee cannons had twice struck the walls. This home, on the Old Crater Road, bore the tragic ravages inflicted by the enemy when the house was demolished, by the inroads of business, in the early part of 1850.

Mrs. Mann escaped with her children, in a box car, taking refuge with relatives at Appomattox, where she remained until after the events there, on April 9th, 1865.

It is not remarkable that a daughter born so soon after those trying days, in an atmosphere still tense with the aftermath, should have instilled in her very existence a love for the Confederacy, to which her parents had given so much, and a loyalty that was the inspiration of her life.

Brought up in this home where a Confederate Soldier was always welcomed as a hero, and must be so recognized, she began early to experience the meaning of true hospitality. This characteristic remained a definite part of her entire future.

In 1896, Annie joined the Petersburg Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. This Chapter was then a part of the Old Grand Division, with Mrs. Meade, of Petersburg, its gracious President. When two Divisions united in 1906, Annie Mann gave her talent and her young strength to fostering good will in the United Division, and to the service of the A. P. Hill Camp, U. C. V., then one of the strongest Camps in Virginia. As long as a Confederate Veteran remained in Petersburg, this Camp celebrated the 19th of January with a banquet which was always a noted event in the City's history. Many of their records contain her name, as she never allowed any of her many activities to interfere with her attendance at the meetings of her beloved veterans.

When the final summons came to the last of this honored host, the women of her Chapter still met on the 19th of January as a memorial to them. Their last meeting was held on January the 19th, 1959, just a few months before she went to join them.

The recorded services of this valuable woman to the Virginia Division began early by the successful achievements of all committees to which she was appointed. She soon became an officer, and a member of the Executive Board. From that time, her attendance at all Division and General Conventions, her recognized ability as speaker, and her intimate knowledge of all details of the work, made hers a welcome presence whenever there was a Confederate gathering.

Her constant interest in the Children of the Confederacy, manifested by her continued attendance whenever and wherever they assembled, and her unfailing devotion and support of the "9th of June" Chapter, C of C, made her one of the Chief Counsellors of this group

As Recording Secretary of the Virginia Division, when the entire responsibilities of the Minutes devolved upon her, she rendered a record which brought general acclaim.

Later, as Division President, her work is recorded in the Minutes, and needs no comment.

Before the by-laws prohibited the additional recognition of outstanding work, she was made Honorary President of the Division.

Miss Mann served on the Committee which signed the agreement with Dr. Henry Lewis Smith regarding a Custodian of Lee Chapel at Lexington. Of course, the agreement was drafted by a competent lawyer, and signed also by Mrs. Cabell Smith, then President of the Division, who appointed Mrs. C. B. Tate first Custodian of Lee Chapel. Miss Mann was always a member of this Committee, often acting as Chairman.

At a meeting of the Executive Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Cabell Smith that "the Division petition the General Assembly of Virginia to give them sufficient land between the Battle Abbey and the Fine Arts Museum, on which to erect a building in memory of the Women of the Confederacy. The motion included the provision that the President of the Division (then Mrs. McDuff Green) appoint a committee to confer with a committee already appointed by the President General (then Mrs. J. F. Weineman) in regard to such a building. Miss Mann was appointed by Mrs. Green Chairman of this Committee. How faithfully she worked on this project is testified by the Building itself, which is perhaps the most wonderful erected to women since the Taj Mahal.

On many important committees, with many successful results, Miss Mann served the General Organization. She was later elected Correspoiding Secretary General, and has since been a member of the Officer's Club. Later she was elected Honorary President of the General Orgainzation, which honor was in recognition of unusual ability and usefulness.

It would be impossible in a brief sketch, to chronicle all the work of this amazing woman, who throughout her years of astounding activity and accomplishments in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, sustained useful and active service in the Gardn Club having had at "Double Chimneys" a beautiful and extensive garden. She wos an ardent member of the Daughters of the Amrican Revolution, serving twice as Regent, and often representing them at their Congress in Washington. She worked arduously in the Society for the Preservation of Petersburg Antiquities there knowledge of this organization being recognized by Douglas Southall Freeman in the Bibliography of his "R. E. Lee."

As a citizen of Petersburg, she proclaimed her devotion by participating in all civic affairs, and lending the assistance of her eloquence whenever necessary. She was a devoted Southern Methodist, retaining her membership always in the Old Crater Road Church. After the encroachments of business, when she was compelled to sell her beloved home, she continued her work unabatedly, in her new quarters.

Many Daughters in the Virginia Division and the General Organization can "arise and call her blessed" for the cordial welcome extended them, whether they came for the benefit of her wise advice, or to enjoy her renowned hospitality.

Throughout her life of devotion to her Church, her many organizations, and her beloved Petersburg, she worked on the Progress-Index, Petersburg's daily newspaper, and prepared for publication many articles for magazines and periodicals. She was the originator, and the first editor, of "The Bulletin," which later became the Magazine of the U. D. C.

Her end, in her eighty-eighth year, was peaceful and serene. A few moments before her death, she dictated a message to be sent to her intimate friends. Many of these friends assembled in historic Blanford Church, from which she was carried to her final resting place, near her long lost relatives.

No Daughter of the Confederacy who knew Annie Mann, can ever forget her.

Mrs. Cabell Smith.

Opportunities at Liberty

Sunday, Nov. 13:
9:45 A. M. Bible Study.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
6:00 P. M. Celestial Choir.
6:30 P. M. Training Union.
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship.
Monday, Nov. 14: 3:30 P. M. - Carol Choir.
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 P. M. Concord Choir.
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting. Training Union Council.

Memorial Church Activities

The Junior Choir will make their first fall appearance Sunday evening, 6:30 O'clock and will present Special Choir Selections. The choir is composed of approximately thirty voices, really consisting of two separate choirs. The minister will speak on the subject - "The Most Important Person".

The Building Committee will make a very challenging statement before the congregation Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock Service. Every member of the Church will want to be present for this important event in the history of our Building Program. Let every member make every effort possible to be present for this service. We are in the twentieth month of the Thirty-six months period of the Estimates of Support Campaign for the New Church Facilities to be located on Court Street. The response of every member and friend is needed to make our dreams a reality.

The Solicitation for the Children's Home in Richmond is supported by the 1200 Methodist Churches of Virginia and now in progress by the Memorial membership. Under the leadership of the following committee: Mrs. C. W. Smith, chairman; C. W. Smith, Mrs. Lottie Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Cawthorn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mrs. Helen Gunter, Burke Guill, Mrs. J. T. Irby, J. N. Jennings, Mrs. Rachel Lawson, Miss Lula Irby, Mrs. Robert Lawson, C. T. Moses Sr., Albert Martin, H. C. Pulliam, R. D. Robinson, Mrs. Grover Smith, LeRoy Smith, Mrs. L. L. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wingfield.

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Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered a special sermon from the subject: "The Cost of Greatness". All who attended enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good. A number of visitors were present. The Carver Price High School opened its Education Week celebration Sunday November 6, at 4 P. M. with a special program arranged by the program committee. The special Vesper service included a special address by [the] Mr. Alton Reed a former graduate of the local High School and now a student of Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va. The Rev. A. L. Hill, pastor of the St. John's Baptist Church of Milford, Va. was the scheduled guest minister. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing gave the invocation and spoke briefly on the theme: Strengthening our Schools for the 60's. Music was furnished by the chorous and the benediction was given by the Rev. C. A. Marshall. Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, chairman of the committee gave remarks. Services will be held at the local school on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The public is cordially invited to attend. Friday will be known as open house with a special reception following the evening program.

Over eighty percent of the local teachers attended the V.T.A. meeting in Richmond last Friday. Mimi J. Dennis was the official delegate.

Mrs. Alice Finch has returned to her home here after spending ... weeks with her sister in ... Va.

Mrs. Jacqueline Poteate and ... left last Friday for Baltimore ... spending a month's vacation with her parents, Rev. and ... R. Q. Lawing.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular morning service ... the First Baptist Church will be conducted Sunday by Rev. P.L. ... pastor of Bethelem Church, ... Va. At 3:30 The Rev. Mark ... ery, Pastor of First Baptist Church South Lynchburg and his ... Choir will be in charge.

All members are asked to support their pledges at that time. Set of Silver will be donated at church at the close of the service.

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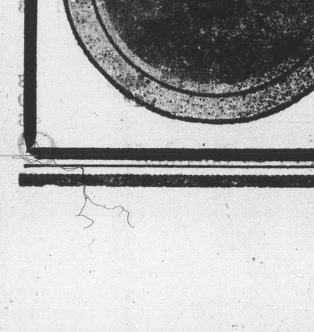

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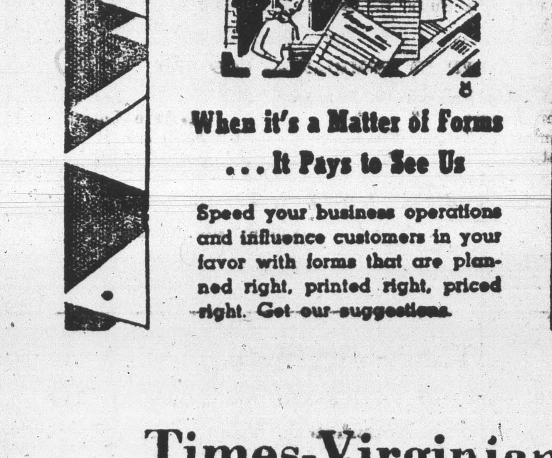

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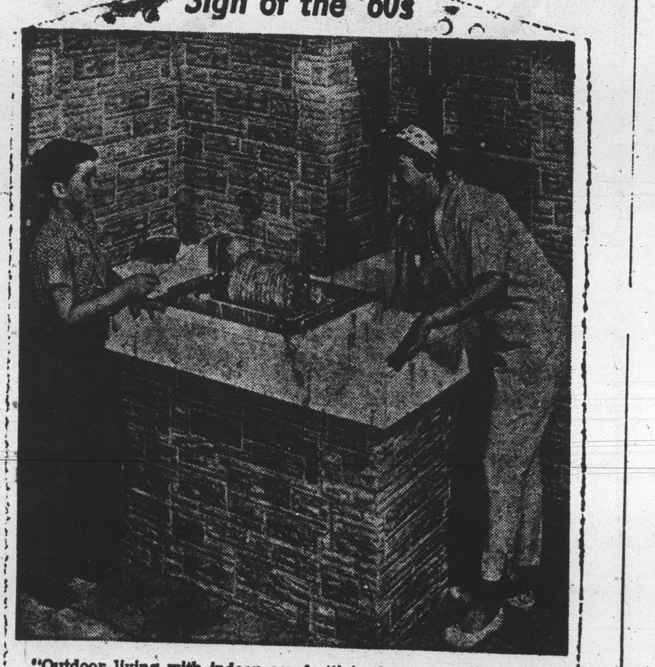

"Outdoor living with indoor comfort" is the social theme of the 1960's.

Americans by the thousands are abandoning the dining room table for the patio picnic bench, the kitchen stove for the barbecue grill, and the television set for the croquet set.

Chief reasons for the trend is the population shift from crowded cities to suburban and rural areas, and the development of time-saving appliances making outdoor living practical.

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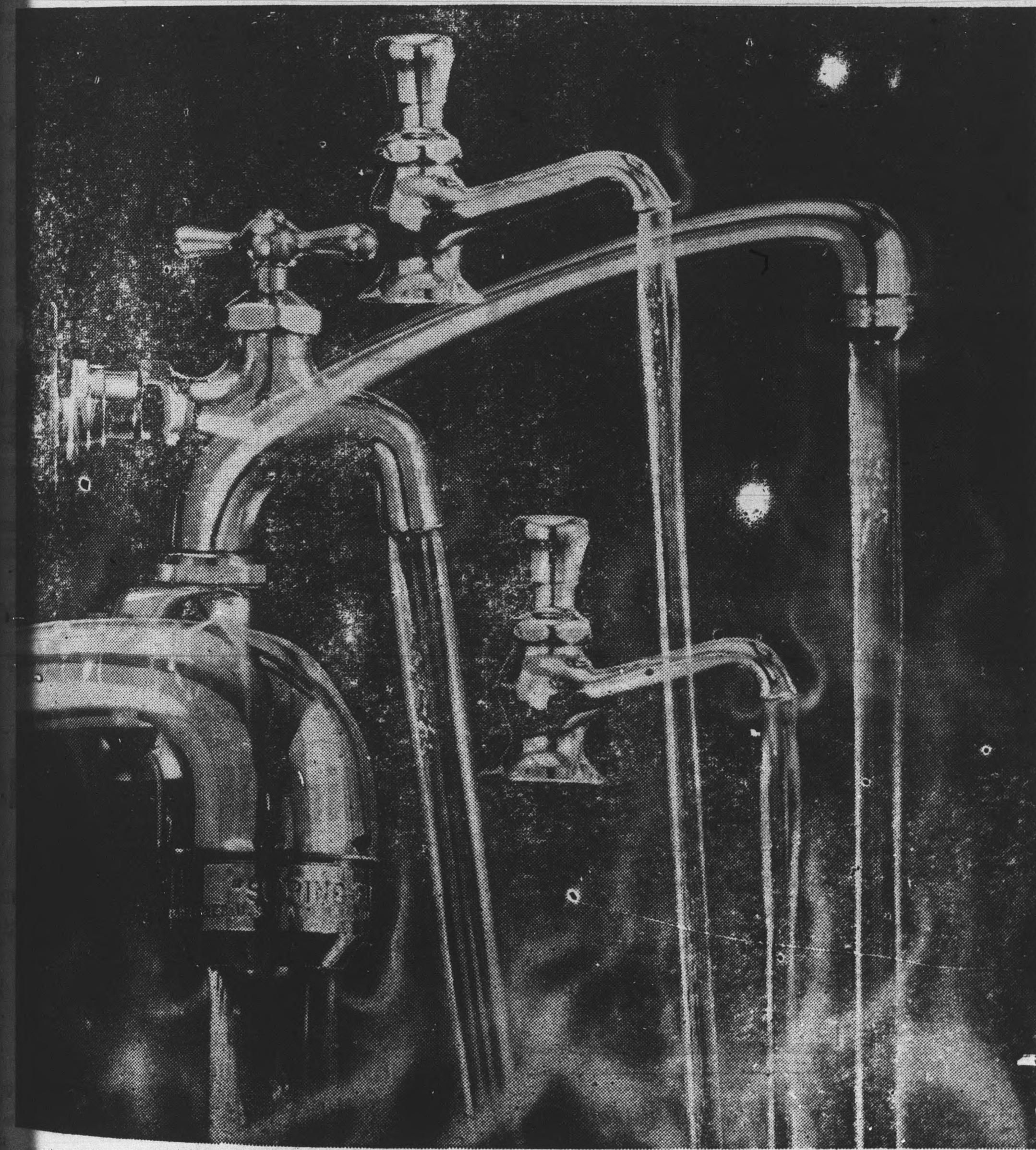

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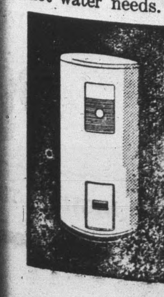

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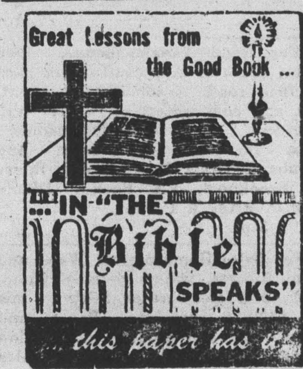

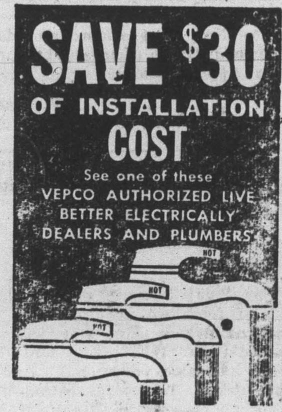

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